

This presentation is an overview of the Solar System Exploration Education and Public Outreach activities funded by the Office of Space Science (OSS) in the year June 1999 to May 2000, and how these activities fit into the OSS E/PO strategy.

Traditionally, OSS has been involved in education primarily by contributing to the development of the scientific and technical workforce. Under the current OSS E/PO strategy, this role is expanded to reach more audiences, including the formal education community, informal education organizations, and the general public. The Solar System Exploration E/PO approach uses partnerships to leverage resources and increase our reach. Our partnerships include a strong emphasis on the involvement of the scientific community.

Our SSE missions and research are the key to engaging our audiences by making solar system exploration part of the human experience.

This presentation will feature some unique contributions of the missions for engaging our audiences through mission events in the next year. That will be followed by illustrations of how we partner, both internally between missions, and externally.